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IN RE APPLICATION OF Han et al.

EXAMINER: Rebecca Anderson APPLICATION NO: 10/015,328

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FOR: Imidazolidinones and their related derivatives as hepatitis C virus NS3 protease inhibitors

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Sir:

Request for reconsideration under 37 CFR 1.111

The Office Action related to applicaton 10/015,328 dated September 29, 2003 set a three month shortened statutory response period ending December 29, 2003. In response to the Office Action, the applicants submit the following amendments and remarks and respectfully request reconsideration of the application.